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Jackson brings campaign to Dubuque

by John Kemp

Jesse Jackson brought his presidential campaign to Dubuque Monday, in an effort to swing undecided voters towards his direction.

Speaking at Blades Chapel on the University of Dubuque campus, Jackson told the enthusiastic crowd of students, faculty and supporters that "we can win."

Jackson said his campaign has far more substance than any of the other candidates, both Democratic and Republican. "I'm leading the other candidates in another direction. I didn't inherit the right to vote. I grew up challenging the government and have done more to make America a better place to live than anyone running."

Jackson believes the American public wants a change and he is ready to give them that change. "My campaign is not just politics with a small 'p'. It's a campaign for transforming American politics and changing the course of the nation. We are not taking opinion polls, but molding opinions."

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Jackson said the government needs to get its priorities straight, referring to the decision by Chrysler Motors to leave the city of Kenosha, Wis. "The government bailed out Chrysler, but Chrysler cannot bail out the workers in Kenosha. We must put a stop to this. We cannot abandon these workers. Under the Jackson Administration, the shift will change to educate our workers and reinvest in America."

Jackson said that America's urban workers and farmers must find common ground and work towards building a solid relationship. "Urban workers on their best day cannot make it alone. That's why I'm a quiltman building a quilt - a thing of power and beauty, like a common cord, that binds us all."

Jackson went on to say that he will be there whenever America's workers need him. "I will be with you at the plant gate, the farm auctions and the campaign headquarters. But next year, under the Jackson Administration, there will be no plant closings or farm auctions."

Jackson managed to address issues that are relevant and crucial for anyone running for president. One of his key concerns is the belief that the foreign policy in the United States is inconsistent and fails to promote courage.

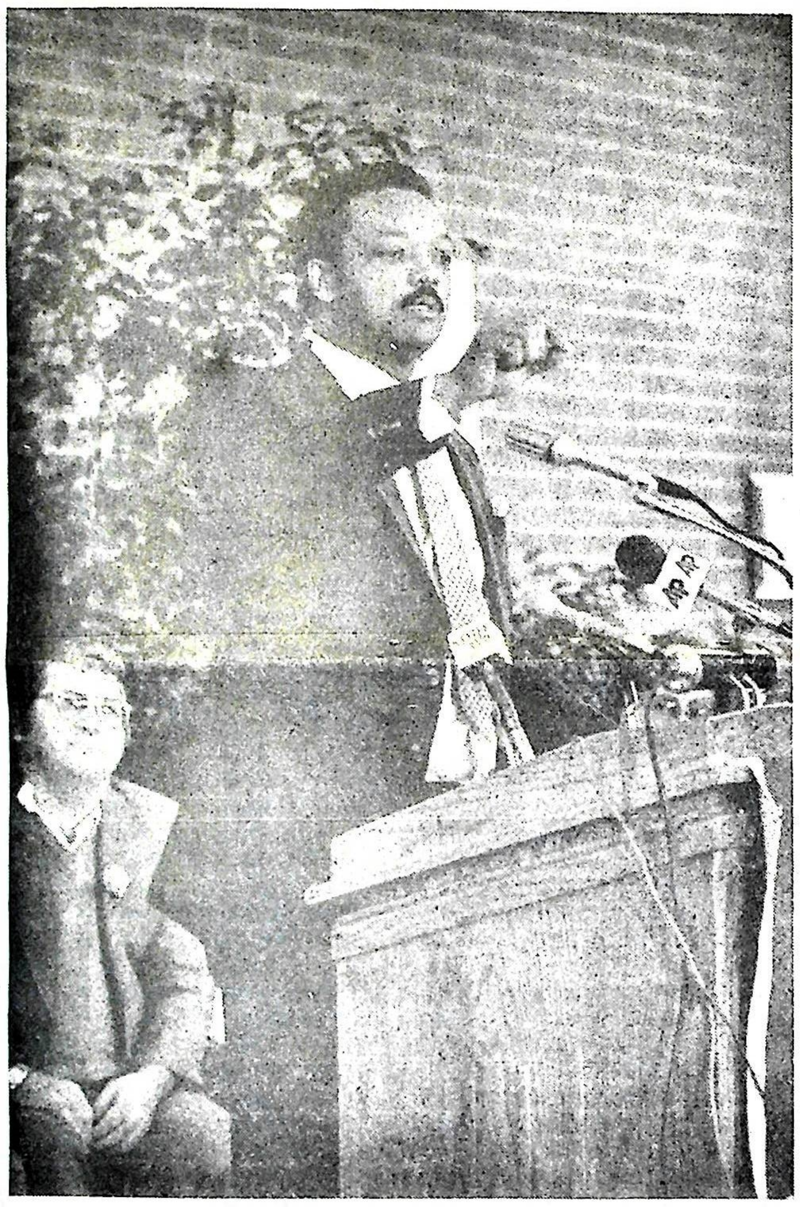
"The support of national laws and human rights are just two things that should be included in the foreign policy. We can't have an international law for the Persian Gulf that doesn't apply to Nicaragua as well. The multinational foreign policy must be consistent. We must have courage of our convictions."

After explaining his position on foreign policy, Jackson turned to the crowd and asked those who had ever attended a caucus to stand up. When they stood up, Jackson smiled and said "they'll be glad to see you at the caucuses."

Jackson told the crowd the word caucus means "get together." "A caucus is nothing more than a get together. On Monday, Feb. 8, we're going to have a get together."

"They (the precincts) will have some signs around with confusing names on them — referring to the other presidential candidates. But you'll recognize the name of your next president."

While the polls have him in a solid position, right behind Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, Illinois Senator Paul Simon and Missouri Representative Richard Gephardt, Jackson believes, "We can win if we put our focus on the right pride."



PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN — Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson (left) addresses a crowd of students and supporters at Blades Hall on the University of Dubuque campus, while Rachel Bell and Andria Reynolds (above) listen with enthusiasm. Jackson made a stop in Dubuque Monday to gather support for his campaign before the Iowa caucuses on Feb. 8. *(photos by Kelly Smith)*

Program to benefit children of alcoholics

by Ann Steer

Jean Tiffany, director of the Personal Growth Center has found one area that is lacking in Clarke's community. What concerns Tiffany is the students' and staff's emotional well-being, particularly those Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA's). Tiffany has decided that a support group would be very benficial. "Presently, there is not a lot of help on campus for ACOA's."

Tiffany came to Clarke in October of this year. Her training includes counseling, student development, substance abuse and dealing with adolescents. She is modeling the group after a program implemented by the University of Iowa. The program began three to four years ago and has been a big success. It has been used widely across the state. The groups, however, have been lacking in male attendance. Tiffany is hoping to get more men involved in the group. "Women tend to seek help for emotional trouble more than men."

Monica Ryan, a senior, will help Tiffany direct the group. The first meeting will be held Feb. 15. Only six to eight people will be allowed to attend and must be screened by Tiffany prior to the first meeting. "Trust is a big issue," said Tiffany. "Secrecy is big in alcoholic families. We want to make sure that people are right for the group, since everything is strictly confidential. No records are kept."

The program is not at all connected with Alcoholics Anonymous. The support group has been adapted to meet the needs of the Clarke community. The program directors have recognized the fact that traditional treatment and therapy for alcoholics has not been successful because the whole family is affected by the disease. The emotional scars of children and co-dependents must be addressed. Without the issues addressed, ACOA's are four times as likely to become alcoholics as non-ACOA's.

Many ACOA's hold back their feelings, and try to forget their traumatic experiences. They feel guilty, lonely, ashamed, angry and isolated. Tiffany referred to shame-based families of abuse where secrets are kept within the family. The support group will work to help ACOA's trust one another enough to work through those secrets.

The rationale of the group at Clarke is to educate members about family dynamics. ACOA's played roles and lived by certain rules in a home where alcoholism prevailed. The program will help members to identify behaviors they learned that may be causing them problems in the adult world.

There are certain roles that ACOA's can identify with such as being the responsible one or the hero. This type of person may be very organized, have good study habits and grades, yet he or she can't have fun or relax. They may fear their own feelings.

Another family role that may be adopted by an ACOA is that of a scapegoat. The scapegoat may find that he or she can't compete with the hero so they give up and get negative attention. The support group will help members to recognize roles such as these and help them to cope in their daily lives.

Because the process of recovery for an ACOA is slow, the group will meet several times. The group's structure will be a safe environment built on trust. "We live in a dynamic, changing society, even here at Clarke." Tiffany added, "If the group can help people to learn coping skills, and can help one another, then it will be successful." Tiffany may be contacted in the Personal Growth Center for a consultation.

Basketball Roundup

Scores: Men's Basketball

Jan. 26 - Clarke 92	Mount St. Claire 97
Jan. 29 - Clarke 77	Edgewood 87
Jan. 30 - Clarke 84	St. Ambrose 93

Scores: Women's Basketball

Jan. 27 - Clarke 65	Beloit 66
Jan. 29 - Clarke 81	Iowa Wesleyan 90
Jan. 30 - Clarke 45	Judson 65

Editorial

College students have a voice in 1988 presidential campaign

by John Kemp

With only three days remaining before the Iowa caucuses, the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates are busy spending thousands of dollars on television advertisements and making last minute appearances throughout the state in hopes of rounding up the much-needed support for their campaigns.

The impact of those television advertisements and personal appearances will be determined Feb. 8, when voters in Iowa's 99 counties head off to school auditoriums, union halls and local taverns to show their support for the candidate they believe represents the future of America.

At a time when Americans are expressing concern about the current administration's honesty and loyalty in the Iran arms scandal, Iowans will be looking to a president who not only has strong leadership skills, but a strong moral character as well. The caucuses, while certainly important to the candidates, are Iowa's way of saying "this is what we want done in the next four years and what would you do, as president, to see that it's done?"

The candidates will be listening very closely Monday night, as will the news media, to hear what Iowans are saying. Once the results of the caucuses are announced, the candidates will begin working on their images and promoting their policies and platforms in preparation for the New Hampshire Primary and the most important day of all, Super Tuesday.

As the nation prepares for Monday night's caucuses, Iowans have already started the task of examining the candidates and looking for any flaws in judgement and capabilities. Iowans will look more closely at the candidates than ever before. They will not only look at the leadership qualities of each candidate, but will also look at the issues, policies and programs they currently promote.

Knowing the impact of the Iowa caucuses on the presidential race, it's important for all Iowans to take part in this important political process. This is the time when Iowans can speak to the candidates and hopefully be heard. If the candidate is concerned about the Iowa voters, he will step back a moment to hear what Iowans have to say about farms, health programs, social security, government student aid, housing and taxes. While these are just a few of the many issues currently being promoted, they are, however, the issues of greatest importance.

Since many of you receive some form of government aid, it only seems natural that you'd want to take the opportunity to attend your precinct caucus and voice your opinion. Even if you are not an Iowa resident, you can still participate in the caucuses. All you need to do is attend the precinct for residents living along Clarke Drive and fill out the voter information at that time. If you're a Democrat, you will attend the caucus at Clarke in Room 109 CBH. If you're a Republican, however, the caucus will meet at Dubuque Senior High School.

With the cost of a college education rapidly increasing from year to year, the monies allocated for federal aid are necessary for many students who wish to pursue a post-secondary education. If that money is decreased in any way, it could have a detrimental effect on the number of students who believe they can honestly afford a college education.

John Dukakis, a former actor and son of presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, recently addressed a crowd of 600 students at the Loras College Democratic Mock Convention about his father's commitment to the American dream and the future of education in our society.

Dukakis didn't waste any time getting the college students interested in his father's positions on education when he began criticizing the cutbacks in federal aid for Iowa students. "The State of Iowa has long understood that education isn't a personal asset, but a community benefit. At present, Iowa has become one of the states that have cut back in state aid and we, as a country, cannot afford that. No one in this country should be denied an education. Michael Dukakis will see to it that cuts in student aid are stopped."

While these comments probably appear to be nothing more than campaign rhetoric, they are, however, crucial statements for the candidates, especially with the Iowa caucuses only a few days away. As Americans, we should all take advantage of this political opportunity that only comes along every four years. Just think, your presence at the caucuses on Monday evening could make the difference.

'Good Morning, Vietnam' gives Williams a chance to demonstrate his talents

by John Siegworth

Imagine a film about Vietnam that doesn't star Chuck Norris, Arnold Schwarzenagger or Sylvester Stallone. Imagine very little on-screen violence and lots of humor. Imagine basing the characters on real people. Who do you cast in such a movie? Barry Levinson's latest film release, Good Morning, Vietnam (R) stars, of all people, Robin Williams.

Williams, a top-of-the-line stand-up comedian, has come a long way since playing an alien on the TV show, Mork and Mindy. Some of his cinema credits include Popeye, Moscow on the Hudson and The World According to Garp.

In Good Morning, Vietnam, the mildly exaggerated true story about armed forces radio in Vietnam during the sixties, Williams portrays Adrian Cronauer, a disc jockey who does a daytime show on Armed Forces Radio Saigon (AFRS).

During the opening credits, we hear a bland deejay broadcasting on the Saigon station. The scene shifts to Cronauer arriving in Saigon, where he soon discovers that the station's programming is dictated by polka enthusiast Lt. Hawk (Forest Whitaker).

As one might expect, it doesn't take long after Cronauer's arrival for changes to occur. Polkas, Perry Como and Percy Faith are arbitrarily replaced by James Brown, The Supremes, Martha and the Vandellas and lots of vulgar and irreverent humor, including many personal attacks on President Johnson and former Vice President Nixon.

Cronauer's attitude greatly upsets Hawk, who isn't respected by any of the soldiers. When Hawk demands a salute, Cronauer makes an innovative gesture: saluting and thumbing his nose at the same time.

The station is overrun with censorship. Any story that doesn't portray the U.S. military in a positive light is edited out of the news by a pair of expressionless (and presumably mindless) twin officers.

Cronauer witnesses the bombing of a local bar favored by the G.I.'s, but is ordered not to report the story on the air. His immediate response, a nod and a look of mock sincerity, reminded me of the expression often used by the likes of Chevy Chase and Bill Murray.

Cronauer then goes on the air and promptly begins reporting the forbidden story in a rather sarcastic manner. He is cut off in the middle of his broadcast and reprimanded for his actions.

Hawk takes Cronauer off the air and attempts to do the show himself, but is ordered to bring back Cronauer after tons of letters come pouring in. The listeners hate Hawk and love Cronauer.

Meanwhile, Cronauer has been getting around town a great deal. He pursues an attractive Vietnamese girl and in the process, makes friends with her brother.

The brother manages to arrange a date for Cronauer, but the entire family must chaperone the date. This is especially humorous because the clan attend a subtitled American film starring Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello.

Cronauer's relations with the Vietnamese people end on a rather sad note. The girl tells him that because of the cultural differences and social problems she cannot even be his friend. Her brother, Cronauer's best friend, turns out to be a terrorist responsible for much violence to American troops, including the bar incident.

I was really disappointed with the confrontation between Cronauer and the boy. I felt they broke away early and never resolved anything. Perhaps this is the way it actually happened or perhaps I am just over-accustomed to happy endings.

Cronauer is eventually discharged from the station after his involvement with the boy is discovered, but he manages to leave a recorded message which is later broadcasted for the troops.

Williams is fantastic as Cronauer. He manages to take an already colorful character and really grab everyone's attention with sensationalism in all the right places.

I loved the soundtrack of 60's rock and roll classics, despite the fact that these old tunes have been in vogue for several years and the revival craze is getting a bit old. By the way, the soundtrack album is available on A & M Records and Tapes.

The picture was filmed entirely in the Kingdom of Thailand. There is an especially powerful scene in which the fighting and bloodshed are depicted to the tune of Louis Armstrong's What a Wonderful World.

If you want a film that keeps you laughing most of the time, but also says something important about Vietnam, then Good Morning, Vietnam is it.

Proper care prevents flu

by Kathleen Scherrman

Remember the days when your mother told you "an apple a day keeps the doctor away?" That old wive's tale may not be too far off base, especially since the coldest months of the year are upon us. February is not only the month of presidents and lovers, but also the time for colds, flu and mononucleosis.

The flu, also known as influenza, is a common ailment that afflicts almost everyone each year. Although it's not uncommon to contract influenza in the warmer months of the year, it is more common in the colder seasons, November through March. Influenza is transmitted from person to person by casual contact, such as standing next to a person who has it and breathing their exhaled air or touching contaminated surfaces, such as drinking glasses.

Once you are exposed to the virus, it will take 24 to 48 hours to develop the symptoms, which iclude fever, chills, nausea, vomiting, achy muscles, dry cough and hoarsness.

If symptoms last more than a week, it may indicate another underlying problem and a visit to your doctor may be in order. However, in the majority of flu cases, visiting the doctor is not necessary.

Antibiotics do not work against viruses. The best treatment for the flu is bed rest and plenty of fluids. Many doctors recommend soda, such as 7-UP or COKE, because the corn syrup in these products sooths upset stomachs. Cough syrup with an expectorant is recommended to open up the bronchial passages. Other things which help are warm baths and heating pads for achy muscles, and mouthwash to kill bacteria.

One way of protecting yourself is to get a flu shot. This inoculation is given at the start of the flu season and dosage is determined by the previous year's virus. The shot is usually 75 percent effective.

Infectious mononucleosis is most common among college students during the spring and fall. It is transmitted through casual contact and generally, people are contagious before they know they have it. After being exposed to the virus, it takes between 30 and 50 days to develop the symptoms. The most common symptom is constant fatigue. Other symptoms are headache, nausea, fever, sore throat and swollen glands.

Symptoms usually are gone in about 10 days, but the infection will stay in the body for weeks. Once you have "mono," you always carry the virus, but reoccurance of the infection is rare. The best treatment is rest and eating right. Antibiotics can help for a sore throat if the possibility of strep throat is present.

College students are more susceptible to these and other ailments because they do not eat the right foods or get enough rest. Many college students starve themselves to lose weight and stay up all night to study for a test or to get a paper completed. Others take over-the-counter amphetamines or "uppers" to get more energy or help them wake up after a heavy night studying and not getting any sleep. This is when a virus or infection strikes and the body's defenses are down.

Taking care of your body is the best treatment for any illness. When you feel healthy, you'll look healthy and can do anything you want. Eat that apple a day to fight back infection. The body you have today is the only body you will have.

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Clarke Perspective Debut

by Kelly Smith

After being absent from the airwaves for almost two years, an all-new *Clarke Perspective* will make its debut sometime in mid-February. The weekly news show will once again feature local and on-campus happenings, but will feature such events with a "fresh, up-to-date approach," said Richard Heinz, audio and video instructor.

"Through Clarke College Television (CCTV), we will continue to keep the Clarke community and general public informed of what's happening in and around Clarke with a positive, progressive sense."

Heinz says he would ultimately like to get the general public involved with what is happening at Clarke. Through *Clarke Perspective* we hope to not only improve attendance, but to bring the Dubuque community up to date as well.

In addition to more public involvement, Heinz says he hopes to strengthen communication within Clarke itself. "It is important for all on-campus organizations to contribute information to *Clarke Perspective* in order for the program to fulfill everyones' needs," Heinz added.

Departments and organizations wanting information about their upcoming events included in *Clarke Perspective* must submit them in writing. A drop envelope has been placed on the studio door, room 120 CBH, so that information may be promptly submitted.

Happy Birthday Shirley Mescher A Super Secretary

Studen

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Seniors: Bernadette Kennedy, Chrissie Klinglesmith, Tim Martinek, Dave Scharf and Brian Ward.

A ninth and final event of the competition that could have changed the outcome of the finishes had to be cancelled. The tug-of-war event was scratched from the competition after the rope snapped. The contestants in the event had to wear socks, but no shoes.

The first event was called the Life Saver exchange and was won by the sophomore class. All four teams needed five players and each player had to hold a toothpick with a Life Saver on it in his or her mouth. From this point, the first player tries to transfer the Life Saver to the next person's toothpick without any help.

The next event was the egg rolling event. One player from each team had to roll a hard boiled egg down the floor of the PAC to a designated finish line. The players could not use their hands in this event.

Chris Herber, representing the junior class, won the egg rolling event. Herber used an effective technique to master this contest. When the whistle blew, Herber thrusted his head forward, forcing the egg to roll quickly to the finish line.

The third event was won by the freshman pair, Jason Volkoff and Chris Fries. One player from each team tossed a hard boiled egg to a second player. Then, that second player would move backwards and toss the egg back to his/her partner. This continued until the egg fell to the ground.

Mike Vittetoe who is a physical education minor and was on the Clarke golf team used his athletic skills to conquer the mini-putt event. "Everyone else had over-shot the hole and the greens were fast, so my main concern was to hit the ball short," said Vittetoe.

At this point, all the classes had won an event except the senior class. The juniors had the lead with 70 points, sophomores and seniors were tied with 50 points and the freshmen had 40.

It was not until the fifth round of competition that the senior class won an event, which was a belching contest.

The sixth event took many people back to the days of diapers and milk bottles. This event was called the pop sucking event. Pop was poured into baby bottles and contestants from each class raced to the finish. Molly Menke, of the sophomore class, won the event. She won the event in a record time of 53:23. Senior Tim Martinek came in second with a time of 1:08:33. Freshman, Tricia Gloeckler finished third with a time of 1:09:57. Junior, Ben Tarsitano was unable to finish his baby bottle of pop.

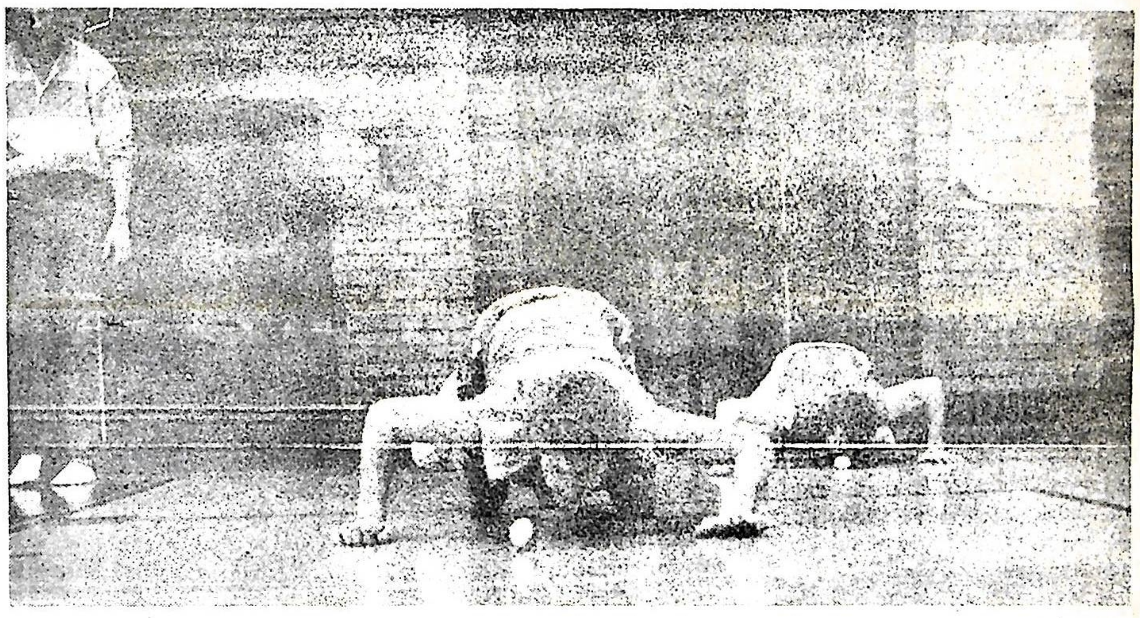
With Martinek's help the senior class took the lead with a score of 90.

The seventh event was unofficially called the "Dizzy Lizzy Spin." This game sent people flying in all directions. All four classes had teams of five and the first person in each group had to run to the half court line of the PAC, bend over, rest their head on a baseball bat and move around in a circle ten times while keeping the bat on the ground. After the tenth rotation, the player was supposed to run back to the start and let the next player go. However, after spinning around in a circle ten times, most peopld had much difficulty finding their way back. People curved right and left, tripped and stumbled, occassionally fell flat on their face, but nobody was able to run back to the starting place in a completely straight line.

"I was really confident, but then my feet went straight and my body went sideways," said Volkoff.

The eighth event, which was the last event, involved fishing a spoon in and out of each others clothing. The first person on the team slipped the spoon that was attached to a string through his or her shirt sleeve, down the shirt and out the pant leg. This continued on to the next person in line who had to repeat the process all over again. The first team who completed the event was awarded 25 points. The juniors took first, the freshmen took second and seniors claimed third. The sophomore class got themselves tangled up with the string and took last.

After this event, the seniors had won the "Quest for the Brick" competition. The seniors had a consistent trend as they finished in every round. The juniors received the most first place finishes, but were unable to defend their title.



ROLLING AROUND—Chris Herber participates in the egg rolling contest in the "Quest for the Brick" competition, during Spirit Week. Herber's efforts placed him first in the event. *(Photo by Mike Cissne)*

Campus parking poses problems for students during the winter months

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"We have salt buckets and shovels at most campus entrances for students and faculty to use in case their car gets stuck," said Hunt, "but I would like to remind anyone who uses the shovels to please return them."

Hunt said one of the problems to consider is the time and amount of snow accumulation. "When students walk on the snow before we have a chance to remove it, this packs it down and makes the job more difficult," said Hunt. "Another problem which must be considered is the amount of salt we put down. If it gets dragged into the school, then we have another kind of mess."

The plowing of Clarke Drive is the city's responsibility and the streets were cleared during Christmas break. Sometimes the city will post signs warning people to move their cars during certain hours; other times they will notify Hunt directly.

Several students voiced their opinions about the problems of snow removal. Greg Jones and Sara Merkes think the snow should be removed more promptly. "If they would take care of it the day it snows, it wouldn't become such a big problem," said Merkes.

Aimee Radke, Marc Tucker and Jean Tucker all think there should be designated areas to park while snow is being removed from certain other areas.

"My car was stuck in front of Mary Jo all during break," said Tim Martinek. Mike Cissne thinks the parking lots are too small when the snow is not completely removed. "Also, the steep inclines in the pit make a very dangerous situation. I'm surprised more cars have not slid into each other," he said.

Al Kramer's approach is a little different. "I think we should have valet parking because we pay thousands of dollars to come to school here. Also I think that when we consolidate, we should be provided with limousine service to take us from Clarke to Loras."

Virgil selected 'Athlete of the Week'

by Vanessa Van Fleet

A player that has potential in defense, offense, rebounding and scoring is what any coach would want on his team. The ability to assist, steal and assume team leadership would be even better. Head basketball coach Bill Kuchler gets all these qualities from athlete of the week, Tracy Virgil.

Virgil, a senior business administration major from Chicago, leads the team this week in overall rebounding and team assists. He is also second leading scorer.

Virgil

On Jan. 9, Virgil, a starting guard for the Crusaders, set a new record in team assists against the Upper Iowa Peacocks. Virgil had 14 assists, which was three better than his previous record of 11 set during the 1986-87 basketball season.

Being a veteran Crusader, Virgil has set some pretty high goals for himself. First, he would like to lead the team in assists and steals. Secondly, Virgil would like to bring good quality leadership to the team.

"Tracy has already accomplished his goal as being team leader," said Kuchler. "That is one reason why we chose Virgil. He has shown great leadership and team comaraderie both on the court and off."

Virgil admitted that it was very hard for him in the beginning to stand out as a good leader. "This year things have changed and it took me a little longer to adjust to the new ways. I feel that I've handled it well in the past and I'm coming on even stronger now."

As a senior, Virgil has one last major goal for the rest of the season. "I want to play hard and be the best that I can, no matter what will happen. I've never been on a team quite like this one. We're like a family and I want to do my best for them," said Virgil.

Last week, Virgil was one of the key reasons for the victories over Moody Bible Institute and Edgewood College. Currently, Virgil is averaging over 16.2 points, four team assists and seven rebounds per game. He is also a 67 percent shooter from the free line. With Virgil's quickness and determination, he has become very hard to stop.

As teammate Lee Kolker said, "When Tracy plays well, we all play well."

When Virgil was asked how the team felt as a whole, he said, "Most of us are kind of frustrated. We keep doing everything the coaches want us to do, but we still keep coming up short in the end. We're playing hard and giving it our all, but we just can't put it together."

"One aspect of our team's efforts this year that people don't realize is that we lost 13 out of 20 games by only ten points or less. To compare those statistics to the last two years, where we lost 11 out of 57 games by ten points or less, we've improved tremendously," said Virgil.

"This year our team has really come together. It's the first time in three years I feel we're really playing together instead of as individuals. We're thinking as a team."

Virgil believes if they keep playing as a team, they will improve their record and do well in the NLCAA district play-offs. The two teams Clarke will face are Edgewood College and Trinity College. The outlook for the men Crusaders seems very good.

Virgil also credits Crusader fans as a major part of team support. "The fans have helped us out even if they don't realize it. I love them."

When Virgil wants to get away, he can usually be found going out with his friends or in his room listening to jazz music. Virgil can also be found in the athletic office or in the weight room where he works for Bill Kuchler.

Cars a necessity for many students

by Charles Maynard

College life can be very stressful for students daring enough to endure it. Lessening the hardships is one way to cope. Several students turn to what they love the most, their cars.

Having a car at school is truly a luxury. It provides a chance to get away from everyone and everything bothersome. Unfortunately, the cars themselves can be a bother sometimes. Like a family member, an automobile wants those close to it to shower it with affection or to shower it with a vocabulary of carefully chosen four-letter words.

Carol Templin has had the good fortune of having a reliable car. Templin is a nursing major who needs her car to get to Galena, Ill., where she does clinical work. "When I first looked into the nursing department at Clarke, I was led to believe that transportation would be provided for all the clinical work that is required by all nursing majors," said Templin. "I was able to survive w[illegible] until my senior year."

[illegible] car also means paying [illegible] and meeting operating ex[illegible] e l eer 'uck . I haven't [illegible] to pay for any repairs yet, but having a job off-campus has helped to pay for gas expenses," said Templin.

The health of Michelle Miesen's car has been varied. Her car is in proper working order now, but it has had several ailments. One of the most memorable incidents involving her car were headlights that had a mind of their own. "It was so strange," said Miesen. "My headlights would just turn off all of a sudden. It never happened in town, but on dark highways at high speeds. As soon as I would slow down, the lights would come back on."

Miesen seems well-prepared for any future ailments her car might decide to suffer. She has gotten to know her car quite well since last summer, when the car required a quart of oil every day. Miesen isn't the only one who knows her car well. "Whenever I talk to my father, the first thing he says is 'how's the car?'"

Vanessa Van Fleet has come to know one of the most annoying expenses of car ownership, parking tickets. "Saturday I went outside to start my car and found a ticket on my windshield. There was a check mark in the box by the words "street storage."

"I left my car in the same spot for four days because I don't use it that much and I got a ticket. I'd like to know why they don't ticket the cars that are always parked in front of the fire hydrants," said Van Fleet.

Although Van Fleet dislikes paying for parking tickets, she is even more annoyed when she has to dig her car out from under a mountain of snow.

Van Fleet may have a few negative things to say about her car, but she is glad she has it. "I guess by having an older car you should expect to get stuck with an occasional towing bill."

Marie Friedman's car hasn't suffered mechanical failures, but has suffered thievery. Last semester, Friedman parked her car in the pit. At 4 a.m. one Monday morning, Friedman received a phone call from the police informing her that the stereo had been stolen out of her car.

"Besides my missing stereo, there was about $100 worth of damage, because the rubber strip around my window had been cut, said Friedman. "I was mad. I parked in the pit because I thought my car would be safe there, since the ones on the street always seem to get hit."

A car provides its owner with many memories, starting when the car is first purchased. Paul Tringale, who bought his car at Mike Finnin Ford, said he was looking at three cars. "When I decided on the one I wanted, I told the salesman I only had $500 with me and I could take the car with me if he'd let me have it. When the salesman said he had to ask his manager, I knew the car was mine."

Tringale flew home to St. Louis for Christmas and left his car parked on the street. "I parked on the street, because during the last break I parked in the pit and someone took my hubcaps off. Two weeks before I was supposed to come back to Dubuque I got a call from Dean Petty. He to[ld] me that my car was going to be to[wed] away by the city. He arranged to have my car towed into the pit instead. It was a lot cheaper than wh[at] the city would have charged."

While towing, repairs and va[n]dalism might darken the picture of vehicular ownership, most students who own cars won't give them up without a fight. Owning a car provides a chance for temporary, but much needed freedom.

SKI BUFFS —From left, Dave Scharf, Bernie Kennedy, Ann Steer, Maureen Cary, John Ward and Bryan Brueck, with Chris Fries and Tonya McNamara in back, became ski buffs for one night at Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort, Galena Ill. *(Photo courtesy of Molly Menke)*

Students volunteer time, effort for presidential candidates' campaigns

by Johann Willrich

With the race on among the presidential candidates, many area students are volunteering their time and effort to support the campaign of their chosen candidate.

"For me it was a chance to shake hands with one of the movers and shakers," said Mike Jager, a sophomore at the University of Dubuque and a volunteer with Alexander Haig's campaign. "I've always had an interest in the business of government and the making of policies."

Being a campaign volunteer entails more than wearing a button with the candidate's name on it to class. "I have to rally supporters, distribute flyers and make phone calls to local party members," said Ron Horan, a senior at the University of Dubuque and a volunteer with Paul Simon's campaign. "There is a lot of work to be done, including hanging posters, explaining the candidates political platform to the inquisitive and sometimes making travel arrangements for the candidate if he is to come to speak here in town."

"I coordinated all the advance work for the candidate to come here," said Jager. "That included a town meeting and interviews with some members from the local press. I also set up a fund-raising event with the local Republican Party and did the security layout for the secret service."

Students become involved in the elective process in different ways. "I called the Republican steering committee in August and asked them if I could help work for Rumsfeld's campaign, but he dropped out of the race and I began working for Haig," said Jager.

Both volunteers said they hope to see a change in themselves and the country. The volunteers support their candidates on issues such as the economy, defense budget and, of course, education. As Horan stated, "Reagan has been great for the military, but his domestic programs are not that great."

As volunteers, they are not paid, but do receive personal satisfaction from participating in the domestic process. Some of the volunteers also receive internship credit from the political science department for their efforts. "I also got a signed letter of recommendation from Al (Haig)," said Jager.

When asked if they thought their work made a difference, Jager said everyone involved makes a difference. "You really have to know what's going on," said Jager, referring to his work as a volunteer.

"If Simon gets elected," said Horan, "the condition of college students will improve. It's important to support a candidate whose views on issues coincide with yours."

McAlpin on sabbatical at University of Iowa

by Judy Bandy

S. Sara McAlpin, BVM, is not at her usual post this semester at Clarke. The English professor has taken sabbatical at the Oakdale campus of the University of Iowa, where she spends most of her time researching the writings of Meridel LeSueur.

McAlpin

McAlpin said she became interested in the 88-year-old feminist author two years ago after reading several of her articles about the hardships of women during the Great Depression.

"She writes mostly about rural, Midwestern people, but her descriptions of women on the breadlines during the Depression and the terrible struggles they endured really struck home because of the devastation we see today with the plight of the poor and homeless in the 80's," she said.

McAlpin said she submitted an application to Clarke for the sabbatical and applied for the research space last year. She said the facilities are wonderful in that she has access to all the office equipment and computers. "Mostly, it's just great to have a quiet place to get away and concentrate on the subject at hand," she said.

LeSueur was born in Murray, Iowa, in 1900, raised in Kansas and Texas and now resides in St. Paul, Minn.

McAlpin said she found LeSueur's proletarian views of strife and immense struggles of poor women during the first half of the twentieth century absolutely mesmerizing and lucid in detail.

"Most of her writings were publ[ished] in small journals and were n[ot] widely read, but I find her collect[ion] of stories wonderful in their inten[sity] and feeling for the lives th[ey] chronical," she said.

She is hoping that her resea[rch] culminates in the publishing of paper about LeSueur's life-lo[ng] works. She would also like to sha[re] her ideas in an oral presentation to the Society of Midwest[ern] Literature.

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Nicarag

by Judy Bandy

Professor Antonio Ybarra-Rojas of the University of Dubuque is teaching the social problems class this semester at Clarke. It is a subject with which he, unfortunately, is well acquainted. Despite a busy teaching schedule, Ybarra-Rojas is very involved in the political turmoil taking place in his native Nicaragua. Last week he accompanied a group of Latin-American congressmen to Washington D.C. for discussions on the peace accords in Central America.

Ybarra-Rojas, a former researcher at a Nicaraguan university, said the Sandinistas have been a disaster for his country. "Under Samoza, we fought hard for and won autonomy for the university, only to lose it again under the Sandinistas." He said the present regime has intensified instability in the country and caused tensions with its neighbors.

"President Ortega has testified that he will allow free elections, but unlike the United States, leaders in that region, although willing to give

Dole, Gephardt

by John Kemp

Robert Dole's win in Iowa Monday night didn't come as a surprise to many voters and political analysts, since a Des Moines Register survey selected him as the favorite candidate among Iowa voters long before the caucuses.

The Kansas senator received 37 percent of the vote in the Iowa caucus, outdistancing Vice President George Bush, who finished a comfortable third. The big surprise of the evening, however, may have been Pat Robertson's second place finish with 25 percent of the vote.

While the Des Moines Register had predicted George Bush to finish behind Robert Dole, the second place finish by Robertson surprised many people, including Dole. In a statement after the caucuses Dole remarked that Robertson's finish came as a surprise to the other Republican candidates. "I was surprised, no doubt about it."

On the Democratic side, Missouri Representative Richard Gephardt